

# CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL.

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1.  
"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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## FIRST RESURRECTION

When it Will be, and Who Shall be in it—Information  
Brings Comfort and Satisfaction.

It matters not about the many theories that are advanced about this wonderful theme, the facts remain the same. That there is to be a resurrection of the dead is plainly taught in the Scriptures of divine truth. It is indeed a pleasure to know we have the blessed old Bible as a basis for all our teaching. There is also great consolation in knowing that when the Bible teaches a thing it is just that way.

It is indeed strange that one class of people will take the Scriptures and make them all bend to their theory of things and make the resurrection appear as only a spiritual thing. Another class will so completely materialize everything that they give no place for spiritual things. But the Bible teaches both spiritual and material.

We often sing of the resurrection morning when the dead in Christ shall rise, and truly our hearts are inspired with the glorious thought of the sleeping nations coming forth from the tombs so transformed and glorified that pain and sickness and death shall have no more claim on the body while the ceaseless ages roll. This all-inspiring thought is not without foundation.

Before our Lord was crucified and came forth from the tomb as the "first fruits of them that slept" He said, "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. John 11:25. The prophets also testified of this wonderful transforming power. When Job was in such terrible distress because of his conflict with Satan he got a glimpse of the resurrection and looked upon the event with gratitude and a sense of relief when he said, "O that thou wouldest hide me in the grave, that thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy wrath be past, that thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me!" Then as if he was almost surprised at himself for praying such a prayer and mentioning the prospect of coming forth from the grave he said, "If a man die shall he live again?" Then

the inspiration siezed him again and he continued his prophecy, "All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come. Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee." Job 14:13-15.

Job was in such deep distress that he felt the grave would be a comfort to him, and yet as his vision peered through the density of time he saw that the time would come when the voice of God

would be heard by him, and,

although in the grave, he

would be able to answer the

call. This is in harmony with the words of Jesus when He said, "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth." John 5:28.

Again when Job was under severe pressure and almost in despair he cried out with renewed inspiration, "For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And tho after my skinworms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself and my eyes shall behold, and not another." Job 19:25-27. This is also in harmony with the Psalmist when he sings, "As for me, I shall behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied when I awake with thy likeness." Psa. 17:15.

In commenting upon the resurrection Daniel saw it and said, "And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake \*\*\* to everlasting life." Isaiah also throws some light on the subject when he says, "Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise." At this juncture he seemed to catch a glimpse of the glory and joyfulness of that glad hour, and a spirit of imperativeness seemed to seize him as he cried out, "Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead." Isa. 26:19.

They shall come forth singing. That will be a wonderful time; when the sleeping millions shall hear the voice

of the Lion of the tribe of Ju-

dah as His voice shall shake the heavens and the earth as He cries, "Awake and sing." What a song that will be! What a chorus of voices! It will encircle the earth; from every quarter the sound will come. Our songs are beautiful; they are uplifting and inspiring, but that song in which all will join, no tongue can describe, no pen can do it justice. The young man Abel, who was slain by his brother and who was the first to try the realities of death, and who has been in the grave the longest, will come forth singing alike with those who have died in more recent years. The young people, and the children whose lives were taken so early, together with the aged they will sing. Hallelujah! All will have a new beginning then. All will be the same age as they will come forth together on that glad day.

The resurrection—it is a glorious theme. Christ preached it and His apostles took up the same glorious subject and heralded it forth with power and unction from on high. As Jesus reasoned and instructed on this wonderful theme the record shows that they were astonished at His doctrine. Math. 22:33. When Paul was preaching at Athens and touched upon the resurrection "some said, What will this babbler say? other some, He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange Gods: because he preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection." Acts 17:18.

But when shall we look for this wonderful time? Again we turn to the record for information. We get all our information from that inspired volume—the Bible. Some claim that the event is already in the past and that we are now living the resurrected life. But this teaching is without foundation. Paul found some men in his day that were teaching that the resurrection was already past and he said that they had erred and were setting forth profane and vain babblings. He warned the people against such error and exposed the men who taught the heresy by giving their names.

But that was eighteen hundred and forty nine years ago thus giving plenty of time for

it since that time. But history records no such event, when people came forth from their graves singing as will be the case at the resurrection of the just. In giving instructions about the resurrection and showing when it may be expected, Paul says, "But now Christ is risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive: But every one in his own order: Christ the first-fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming." 1 Cor. 15:20-23. Now if you can tell when Christ will come, you can tell when to look for the first resurrection.

Paul continues his instructions on this subject and designates the time so that we need not be mistaken. "For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout (that the sleeping saints will hear as he calls them to come forth), with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: And the dead in Christ (not the wicked dead) shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air." 1 Thes. 4:15-17.

Just think of it! The dead will hear His voice and come forth singing some song of triumph and victory over death and the grave, and join with the company of white robed saints who are looking for the appearing of their Lord. O Hallelujah! One can hardly wait to join this glad victorious company of blood-bought saints. And this is to be a blessed reality; this is no idle tale; this is no fiction. This is true and will be a literal fact some glad day.

Again we hear Paul say, "Behold, I shew you a mystery: We shall not all sleep (die), but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible

and we shall be changed. 1 Cor. 15:51, 52. These Scriptures all teach that this wonderful event will take place at the coming of the Lord. But this will not be the exact time when Christ shall come to reign on the earth. It was concerning this special theme and its division that Peter referred to when he said, "Even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given into him hath written unto you; As also in all of his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other Scriptures, unto their own destruction." 2 Peter 3:15, 16.

Wonderful days just ahead of us. When the dead saints are resurrected and the living saints are translated and while they are enjoying the bliss and glory of the marriage supper of the lamb this world which has been reeking with wickedness and has grown worse and worse (2 Tim. 3:13.) will be steeped in blood as the wrath of God will be poured out without mixture. (Rev. 14:10.) The antichrist will have full sway and such acts of violence that will be perpetrated has never yet been invented.

John the revelator got a view of this first resurrection and wrote thus, "But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection." Then as if he wanted to show the class of people that would have a part in this he said, "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection." Rev. 20:5, 6.

When we learn about the resurrection--when it will be, and who will be in it, the information brings comfort and satisfaction to those who are earnestly striving to please God and be like Jesus when He comes. "But we know that when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for (like Job) we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure." 1 Jno. 3:2, 3.

"Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not: forsake her not: love her and she shall keep thee."

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ed for the Indians near Whittier. God bless our brother and make him a soul winner for Jesus. He reports some saved and some sanctified. Pray for him.

### Arkadelphia, Ala.

Dear Bro. Tomlinson:

I am still praising God for victory in and through the precious blood of Jesus. I am praising Him for His healing power and because I am a member of the Church of God. I also praise God for the souls that have been born into the kingdom at this place. Ten have been saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Sunday evening at my house there were four sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. On Monday morning one healed and saved and two baptized with the Holy Ghost. We prayed for a woman Friday night and she was sanctified and received the Holy Ghost and got up and walked around in the house. She had not walked for five months.

Pray for me, I want to be faithful and a soul winner for Jesus.

W. S. Smith.

### Dayton, Tenn.

Greetings in Jesus' precious name.

I am still praising God for the Holy Ghost who still abides in my soul. I have been in this way over three years and I am not the least bit tired. I am praising God for what He is doing at this place. There have been twenty three filled with the Holy Ghost, most of them in prayer meeting, in the past five weeks. Our pastor is sure giving out the Word. Ten have been turned out of the church this year for disorderly walk, and thirty-five taken in. Fifteen followed the Lord in water baptism last Sunday. We had all day meeting at the River and the Lord sure did bless. Our Sunday School is moving right on. We sure enjoy our Sunday School and meetings. The Lord is giving the little children the Holy Ghost. Some only eight and nine years old.

Pray for me that I may fight on until the work is ended.

Your sister under the blood,

Mrs. Harriet Turner.

### Scobey, Miss.

Dear Church of God Evangel:

Greetings in Jesus' name. I praise God for this good old fashioned way. Glory. I am sixteen years old and the Lord baptized me with the

Holy Ghost six years ago, and I have not had one desire to return to Egypt since I started.

I praise God for the shepherd He has sent to us.

I praise God for the temptations, for if we did not have any temptations there would be no use of the overcoming power.

We have services every Wednesday and Friday night. The Lord witnesses at every service.

Pray for us that we may do God's will and be prepared for His coming and hear him say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

Your sister,

Jimmie Lacy.

### Chattanooga Meeting.

The great meeting at Ridgedale, Chattanooga, Tenn., has just closed. It was truly a wonderful meeting, wonderful in that the great God of the skies was present with great power to save, to heal and to baptize with the Holy Ghost.

The congregations were exceeding large at times. In spite of the heavy rain Saturday night and Sunday, the large tent was filled to the overflowing. Such shouts as are commonly heard nowhere but in a Pentecostal meeting were heard Sunday night, while we washed each other's feet and took the Lord's supper.

About 35 received the Holy Ghost, and about 20 came into the Church of God and about as many baptized and quite a number to follow. Thousands of people attended these meetings and truly hundreds were convinced. There were some very remarkable cases of healing. One case of pellegra was instantly healed and many others testified to instantaneous healing. One young man who was having hemorrhage of the lungs was healed. A young lady who was deaf and dumb received the Holy Ghost and spoke in tongues; she is very happy, she said, "praise the Lord".

Hundreds of people seem sorry for the meeting to close, but this is the case always. This is just the way it will be when Jesus comes, they won't be ready,

The harvest truly is white and the laborers are few. There are many calls which we can never fill, and just here we wish to say to all

the friends whom we have not been able to answer, that our time is entirely filled up; nothing but your prayers will ever be able to get us to your

assistance. We earnestly crave them.

All for Jesus,

M. S. Lemons.

### Marco, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and all the Saints:

I am happy to say that I am on victory's side. Glory to His name. I am praising God for saving me and sanctifying me through His precious blood and filling me with the Holy Ghost about one year ago. I am glad to say that I have not thought of backsliding but I think of pushing ahead. Glory to His name.

Pray for my husband that he may receive the Holy Ghost. He has been seeking nearly two years but I know he has the promise. Our church is not doing so well now because some of the members have gotten cold and that makes things bad, but praise the Lord we are looking for better things soon.

Pray for me that I will stand true and faithful until Jesus comes or calls.

Your sister under the blood,  
Mrs. Ardeller Hall.

### Marco, Fla.

Dear Bro. Tomlinson and saints:

I want to sound a note of praise for my dear Lord. I am so happy I don't know what to do. Praise the Lord for picking me up out of sin and placing my feet on the solid rock, Christ Jesus. I received the Holy Ghost about one year ago and there has been glory in my soul ever since. Hallelujah! I praise God because I don't have to take medicine when I get sick. All I have to do is to go to the Lord and I am healed. Glory to God, the way grows brighter every day and I feel more determined to go all the way with Jesus than ever before. I did not start in this way to turn back for I don't see anything to turn back to. I want to press on and on and get everything that the dear Lord has for me.

Pray that I may stay in the center of the Lord's will and be ready when Jesus comes or calls.

Your sister under the blood,  
Mrs. Ella Walker.

### Perry, Fla.

To all the Saints:

Greeting in Jesus name. I praise God for salvation through the blood of Jesus. I am one of them who are saved by grace, sanctified by the blood and have the baptism according to St. John

### 15:26, Acts 2:4.

Friends, there is no other way whereby we can be saved only by St. John 14:6. I am glad my inheritance is among those who are sanctified. Glory! I am glad I can be a little servant for the Master. Glad He gives us victory over sin and the devil. Pray for me that I may be humble till Jesus comes.

There are only a few of us here but God is with us. Some have handled fire here through the power of God.

I am glad He keeps me both soul and body. I have been in the battle nearly four years and I am not at all discouraged. I am determined to go through by the help of the Lord. Hallelujah.

Your sister looking for the coming King,

Carrie Sapp.

### Camp Meeting.

At Helicon, Alabama.

August 5-15, 1915.

Everybody welcome.

W. S. Gentry in charge.

### Camp Meeting.

Second annual camp meeting at Crane Eater, Ga., will begin the second week in July and continue ten days or longer.

W. R. Anderson and wife in charge. This camp is six miles East of Calhoun, Ga.

Everybody welcome.

For further information address E. J. Boehmer,  
Calhoun, Ga. R. 3

### Summer Meetings.

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Mrs. Lillie Tilghman's

Hardy, Miss.

July 10-18.

Shady Grove, Scoby, Miss.

July 23-Aug. 8.

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Charleston, Miss.

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## Growth In—Not Into Grace

SAM C. PERRY

After repenting of sin and believing on the Lord Jesus Christ, there was a time that the burden of sin rolled away, at that instant we became children of God. Later there was an instant, when after having comprehended the will of God the conditions being met, the heart was cleansed by faith. There was a time when the Comforter, the Holy Ghost, came in and took possession of His temple. These are definite steps to be taken by every individual, some take them in close succession, others have more time between, not that it takes God longer to save some, but they are slower to yield, or they do not grasp, so easily the great plan of redemption.

Growth in grace is that process and enlargement and increase in spiritual things which takes place after we have gotten into grace. There is more or less growth in every degree of grace, but of course a greater and more rapid growth takes place after we receive the fulness of the blessing of the gospel, provided that we follow on with the Lord endeavoring to walk in all the light we receive. But there is sure to be some growth, unless we backslide and lose our place entirely. Many do this. A person who lives in a cold careless state all the week, or between meetings, and then comes in and gets warmed up, is a very poor type of religion. Of course he is a backslider while he is out of touch with the Master, and would be lost if he should go to meet his Lord in that condition.

How few maintain that place with God where they "grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

1. It means that you have and keep all the love you had when you received the Holy Ghost, and that it is being added to more and more as the days come and go. If you haven't as much love as you had when you received your baptism you are a backslider or at least in some degree.

2. Growth in grace means more patience than you used to have. Things that used to try you, should not be a trial to you any more, you should be better able to go through the many vexations and crosses without a word, and act free as you used to do when you first started out. Can you see any difference in yourself? Do you see any

improvement? If not perhaps after all you have overestimated your religious experience, and it may be you have testified a little too high above the level on which you have actually lived. This is quite frequently the case.

3. It means more knowledge also. If we have kept our eyes open and observed and prayed and studied to be what the Lord would have us, we certainly see some things clearer and know a lot of things to our satisfaction that was a mystery to us. This increase in knowledge and understanding of things is sure to show the effectiveness of our work too, as well as in the increase of the things of the Spirit in our daily life. Those who are ever learning and not able to come to the knowledge of the truth are not in the grace of God, if they were it would not be so with them.

4. Growth in grace means more faith. Our confidence continues to grow stronger in God, as we obey and walk with him. We can trust Him for and in situations now that we could not grasp at one time. The many experiences have taught us more of the life of faith and the work to be accomplished through faith. It seems there is quite a little room yet for our faith to increase and grow, that we may gain that point which the Apostle John gained when he said, "And this is the confidence we have in him that if we ask anything according to his will He heareth us."

5. We should also be better soul-winners. As we have more grace and love we will be better equipped for approaching the unsaved, we will have more guidance as to the message they need, and the manner and spirit in which to approach them. So many souls have been driven away by the unwise methods and conduct of new beginners, or those who have very little grace. A little more grace would, methinks, cause many to abandon some of their methods of doing things and cause them to adopt better ones. For instance, the way they talk about denominations, deal with opposers and sometimes with their own workers, and altar services and the manner of taking the offerings and collections and the way they criticize those who are not up to their standard of things. More grace would greatly improve things on all these points.

6. Growth in grace settles

us down in God and His Word. We are not so easily upset or disturbed as we hear other things preached, and see the new things coming around to decieve and carry away followers. Something new, some new demonstration, or some remarkable new preacher who is still ahead of any we've heard is the idea with so many. If we have settled down to our proper place in God, where He is all and in all to us, we will still be worshippers of God and not of men.

There are so many doctrines and men that we need to go beyond them all and see Jesus and find that place where there is no danger of being carried about with winds of doctrine, but the soul rises above all clouds and sees and rejoices in the truth as it is in Christ Jesus. Thank God we can find this place by following on through faith and obedience.

**From Milton Padgett.**

To the saints, greeting.

I am back on the field again. I had the worst time except the first that I have ever had. Just as we got to the gulf stream about noon on Tuesday I got sick and had to lie down and did not get up till we got in sight of Nassau. On Thursday while I lay there suffering I said, "All things work together for good to them that love the Lord." I said. "Jesus, you know that I love you." And if you will look at No. 14 in Songs of the Kingdom you will see the song that came to my mind. Praise His dear name.

We ought to have made the trip in twenty four hours but it took us forty eight hours. The boat ran on a sand bank on Wednesday evening and we had to stay there until the next morning rolling from side to side. It was a rough and rainy voyage, but I am here this Saturday afternoon June 19th, as the saints here say, feeling good in my soul, and feeling that I am in the will of God who said, Go.

If you could have been here the first meeting and heard the saints testify, you could understand to some extent what helps me to come here.

Next week D. V. I expect to take a trip to other islands —Cat and Long Island.

Don't forget that this letter is to each one of you, and what a pleasure it would be to get one from you.

Dear saints, let us live the life, and we that preach the Word be able to say, Follow me. Oh, that precious per-

fect love! I feel it burning in my soul. One time I worried about the saints loving me, but I have quit that and gone to loving the saints.

If we never meet here any more, when you get up in the sky look for me.

One of the small ones in the work,

Milton Padgett,  
P. O. Box 401 Nassau, N. P.  
Bahamas.

You can send him a letter now for 2c postage. Write him.—Ed.

**Parkersburg, W. Va.**

Greetings in Jesus' name.

We feel like sounding a note of praise to our blessed Savior who died for us. Hallelujah!

We closed the meeting last night. Several saved and sanctified and one filled with the Holy Ghost. Thirteen baptized in water, ten added to the dear old Church of God. The church is moving on. There are about 55 members. People are being convinced that this is the way. We have a fine Sunday School, about 75 regular attendants. Well hallelujah.

We go from here to Ward W. Va. Expect a great time with the Lord. Glory! glory, glory! Pray for us.

Your brothers out on the battlefield,

W. M. Rumler.  
F. D. Davis.

**Evansville, Ind.**

The church here is gradually growing. It has grown from 17 to 28. Baptized 12 in the Ohio River Sunday

June 27th. Had a fine time. Some of them came out shouting and speaking in tongues. The folks are taking up with the Church of God.

T. R. Austin.

**Carrolton, Ala.**

Greeting in His name:

I feel led to write a few words. The Lord is leading us on to higher heights and deeper depths of His love. We are living in the last days and we should be in a hurry to push the gospel into new places because the harvest is great and the laborers are few. Let us go on to the Apostolic standard. I praise God because the Comforter still abides. Hallelujah!

C. B. Reynolds.

**Wadsbora, La.**

Closed the meeting last night. About twenty claimed to have been saved; two sanctified. Our next place is Dunn, La. Please pray much for us.

W. A. Capshaw  
and daughter.

### Report.

Dear Brother:

I am paying old Kentucky another visit where I find many hungry hearts that are enquiring for the more perfect way to God. We reached Somerset June 27th. On the 4th of July we set the church in order with 22 members. At night we received six more. Baptized four in water. We will be here a few more days. Pray for this young church at Somerset. We expect to be at Dollice, Ky., in August. We ask the saints to pray God to bless us and supply our needs. Another place is waiting for us to set the church in order.

May God bless the paper.  
W. F. Bryant.

### Cleveland, Tenn.

Dear Bro. Tomlinson:

I am going to tell you about the wonderful church I saw in a vision a short time ago. I saw it as it was in the apostolic days. It was as a great light, as a city that is set on a hill, it could not be hid, and I looked and the light had disappeared and darkness prevailed for a long time; an awful darkness which lasted, as it seemed, for centuries. It then seemed to grow brighter as if day was breaking and the light again appeared and began to grow larger and brighter until it became as large as a half bushel, then it kept getting brighter until it became as white as snow and this is the Church of God as the Lord showed me.

I cannot tell in words why I knew this was the Church of God but still I knew it was.

I am still praising God day by day and praying for a closer walk and a deeper experience. I praise God for such a beautiful way.

Pray for me that I may live humble at the feet of Jesus.

W. R. Campbell.

### Braden-Town, Fla.

Dear Bro. Tomlinson:

I am glad that I am a soldier for Jesus and I am willing to fight for Him. I praise God for his goodness to me and for His great love.

I am saved and sanctified by the blood of Christ, but I have not been baptized by the Holy Ghost. I want to tell others the wonderful story but I don't feel worthy until I receive the Holy Ghost, so I ask your prayers that I may go all the way.

Your brother in Christ,  
C. T. James.

(This brother has now received the Holy Ghost.—Ed.)

## THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

**Lake Park, Ga.**  
Bro. Tomlinson and Evangel  
Readers:

Greetings in Jesus' name.  
I am yet saved and sanctified  
and filled with the Holy  
Ghost, glory.

Just a few thoughts on the  
Church of God that might  
help some one who does not  
see the light on the church.

First, let us notice who  
built the church. Matt. 16:  
18. Jesus says, "upon this  
rock I will build my church  
and the gates of hell shall not  
prevail against it." We see  
that the Lord spoke of it as  
one and not as many. He  
called it church and not sev-  
eral hundred different names.  
What rock was it he spoke  
of? 1 Sam. 2:2. "For there is  
none beside thee: neither is  
there any rock like our God."  
II Sam. 22:2, "And he said,  
The Lord is my rock, and  
my fortress, and my deliver-  
er." So it must have been  
God that Christ had refer-  
ence to.

Isaiah 62:2, "And the gen-  
tiles shall see thy righteoun-  
ess, and all the kings thy  
glory: and thou shalt be call-  
ed by a new name, which  
the mouth of the Lord shall  
name." Let us see what the  
Lord named it. Acts 20:28,  
"Take heed therefore unto  
yourselves, and to all the  
flock over which the Ho-  
ly Ghost hath made you ov-  
seers, to feed the Church of  
God, which he hath pur-  
chased with his own blood."  
Think what a price. It is  
spoken of as one in this place  
also. If the apostle had called  
it by some other name we  
could too but he did not do  
so and therefore I do not care  
to call it by some other name.  
As Paul called her the  
Church of God let us call her  
by the right and proper  
name. For Paul said what  
he meant and meant what he  
said for he forbids us joking  
and jesting and surely he  
would not do something he  
forbids us to do.

1 Cor. 1:2, Paul writes to  
the 'Church of God at Cor-  
inth.' II Cor. 1:1, Paul says  
the same thing.

Christ says in Matt. 18:16,  
"In the mouth of two witnes-  
ses every word may be es-  
tablished," and we have  
three. Let us notice Eph. 3:  
14, 15, "For this cause I bow  
my knees unto the Father of  
our Lord Jesus Christ. Of  
whom the whole family of  
heaven and earth is named."

So it is the Church of God  
on earth and the bride of  
Christ in heaven or family  
of God in heaven. Don't  
you want to belong to this  
great family on earth and  
then go and live with us in  
heaven?

We all know who the Fa-

ther of our Lord Jesus Christ  
is but let us read Matt. 16:16;  
"Thou art the Christ, the Son  
of the living God."

Some one may say that all  
churches are the churches of  
God, but I have failed to find  
where the name was ever  
changed; if it be the case,  
will some one please give me  
chapter and verse. In Heb.  
13:9 we find, "Jesus Christ,  
the same yesterday, and to-  
day and forever." So this  
must be the Church of God  
here in the twentieth centu-  
ry. Matt. 24:25, Mark 3:1; Luke  
21:33, Christ says, Heaven and earth shall pass  
away; but my words shall  
not pass away."

Come on, friends, repent of  
your sins, get sanctified and  
baptized with the Holy  
Ghost, trust the Lord to heal  
your body when you get sick  
be baptized in water by a  
Holy Ghost preacher, wash  
the saints' feet, take the  
Lord's supper, join the  
Church of God and help us  
shout praises unto God. Let  
Christ lead and direct you  
for He is the head of the  
Church. Col. 1:18, "And he  
is head of the body, the  
Church: who is the begin-  
ning, the first-born from the  
dead; that in all things he  
might have the preeminence."  
Eph. 20:23, "which he  
wrought in Christ, when he  
raised him from the dead, and  
set him at his own right hand  
in heavenly places, Far a-  
bove all principality, and  
power, and might, and do-  
minion and every name that  
is named not only in this  
world but also that which is  
to come; and hath put all  
things under his feet, and  
gave him to be the head over  
all things to the Church,  
which is his body, the fulness  
of him that filleth all in all."

Eph. 5:25-27, "Husbands,  
love your wives even as  
Christ also loved the Church  
and gave himself for it, That  
he might sanctify and cleanse  
it with the washing of water  
by the word, That he might  
present it to himself a glori-  
ous church, not having spot,  
or wrinkle, or any such thing;  
but that it should be holy and  
without blemish." If we ex-  
pect to obtain God's bless-  
ings we will surely have  
to meet the conditions.

Friends, preach, pray, sing,  
and shout for the Church of  
God at every opportunity.  
Live clean, pure, holy lives  
and do all you can for God,  
and keep pressing on.

Your brother,  
E. B. Culpepper.

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**Cleveland, Fla.**  
Dear Evangel Readers:

I am praising God for  
what He is to me. He saved,  
sanctified and baptized me  
with the Holy Ghost about  
four years ago. I have felt  
all the while that the Lord  
would have me preach tho  
I'm only twelve years old  
now. I made my first at-  
tempt to preach a little last  
night and the Lord blessed  
me good.

I know Jesus was found in  
the temple when twelve  
years old disputing with the  
doctors. I talked on Acts 2:  
4, last night.

I would like to hear from  
brother Harrison and I would  
like to hear him preach. He  
prayed for me once and the  
Lord healed me of fever.  
Praise God.

Papa baptized two in a big  
lake Sunday.

We have prayer meeting  
twice a week and preaching  
once a month.

Mama wants me to ask you  
all to pray for her healing of  
stomach trouble.

Pray for me that I may be  
a faithful worker for Christ.

Your little brother in  
Christ,

Gussie Thomas.

**Key West, Fla.**  
Greetings to all the saints.

I want to praise God for  
this wonderful salvation. I  
have been in this way  
about three months and the  
way grows brighter every  
day of my life. I have never  
been the least bit discour-  
aged or felt like giving up,  
but I feel more determined to  
go through although Satan  
tries to pull me down. I praise  
God for victory. I never did  
love Jesus and appreciate  
His precious blood as I do  
now. I am working for that  
crown. I am trying to win  
souls for the Master every  
day.

O sinners, just think how  
Jesus died for us to save us  
from sin. If I had known  
that this way was so sweet I  
would have been in it long  
before now.

Pray much for me that I  
may be watching and ready  
when the Savior comes. I  
want to stay humble at the  
feet of Jesus.

Your humble sister,  
Miss Clara Saucuez.

**Helicon, Ala.**

Dear Bro. Tomlinson:

I am glad I am still filled  
with the Holy Ghost. I praise  
God for every thing He has  
ever done for me. I will  
never forget one night about  
midnight when He so won-  
derfully baptized me with  
the Holy Ghost and He still  
abides. The devil works in  
many ways to trap me but I

am still looking to Jesus to  
help me overcome. I know  
He will never suffer me to  
be tempted above that which  
I am able to bear. I praise  
God for the way he keeps  
me and for the many blessings  
both spiritual and tempo-  
ral.

Not long ago we went to  
Arley, Ala., and took the  
band along with us and the  
people seemed to enjoy the  
band music very much and  
invited us back. There are  
some hungry souls there.

I praise God because Bro.  
Kennedy ever came to the  
hills of Winston with the  
pure gospel. I praise God  
for a salvation that makes me  
know all is well with me. I  
do want to go deeper in His  
great love. I want to be just  
what He wants me to be. I  
am glad I am a member of  
the dear old Church of God

and I want to remain a mem-  
ber until Jesus comes to catch  
away His waiting bride and

then I want to go up with a  
shout. Praise God for victo-  
ry.

We are expecting to trav-  
el some with the brass band  
this summer and we desire  
the prayers of the saints that  
we may play for the glory of  
God.

Your brother in Christ,  
Whit Denson.

**Clara, Fla.**

Dear Bro. Tomlinson:

I am praising God for the  
Holy Ghost and for dancing  
and talking in tongues. Three  
of our family have the Holy  
Ghost. I praise the Lord for  
sending Bro. Thomas here to  
preach the word of God to us.  
I received the Holy  
Ghost June 13, and five more  
received Him in the meeting.  
Two were saved and five  
baptized with water, and five  
joined the Church of God.  
There are about eighteen  
members now. I am four-  
teen years old. I praise God  
for the blessed Holy Ghost.  
Glory to God, Hallelujah.  
Pray for your little sister.

Pearl Shaw.

Dear Bro. Tomlinson:

I am saved, sanctified and  
baptized with the Holy  
Ghost. Glory to God. I was  
so glad Bro. Thomas came  
here to preach. Twelve have  
the Holy Ghost here. I am  
twelve years old. I want  
you all to pray for us that we  
may hold out faithful and  
stay low at Jesus' feet.

Ethel Shaw.

**Jefferson City, Tenn.**  
To all the saints greeting in  
the name of the Lord.

I am still praising God for  
this high and holy way; am  
still praising him for complete  
salvation, and for the way He

pours out His Spirit each  
time we meet. We are still  
having great victory over the  
enemy, and the devil is stir-  
red up all over the city. We  
need your prayers for the  
hungry souls here at Jefferson  
City.

Since June 16th 13 have re-  
ceived the Holy Ghost, some  
the stammering lip and some  
have been saved. Last night  
we had a wonderful meeting,  
the power fell in a wonderful  
way, taking the saints of God  
right up to sinners and it  
seemed as though God was  
rebuking the devil in them  
through His children. I have  
never seen anything like it  
before.

Remember we need your  
prayers as never before.

Your brother,

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